

**19.74.020 Purpose of provisions.**

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions by provisions designed to:

- A. Protect human life and health;
- B. Minimize expenditure of public money for flood-control projects;
- C. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- D. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- E. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, and streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood-blight areas;
- G. Ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and
- H. Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazards assume responsibility for their actions. (§ 1 (part) of Ord. passed 11/13/85: prior code § 22-39-2)